

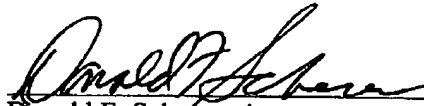
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has put forth that, in his opinion, no claim is generic. Applicant respectfully suggests that Claims 1 and 3 are both generic and that Claims 1-3 read on the elected species. As should be noted, both species have and input shaft (56, 156), an output shaft (60, 160), a planetary gear set (22, 122), a first member (32, 134), a second member (36, 136), a third member (34, 132), first and second electric power transfer mechanisms (18, 118 and 20, 120), input clutch (24, 124), and an output clutch (26, 126). Therefore, both species have all of the elements set forth in Claims 1 and 3. It is not seen that any additional searching will be necessary to investigate both Species. Accordingly it is deemed proper to include both species in the prosecution of this application and the Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, which is herewith respectfully requested.

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